

Senators Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Albers of the 56th and Dolezal of the 27th offered the following amendment:

WITHDRAWN

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Rules substitute to HB 68 (LC 33 8008S) by inserting after*
2 "organizations;" *on line 3 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 20-2-2114 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
4 qualifications for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program, so as to revise the prior
5 school year requirement for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program;

6 *By inserting between lines 12 and 13 the following:*

SECTION 1A.

8 Code Section 20-2-2114 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications
9 for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program, is amended by revising paragraph (3)
10 of subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(3) The student:

12 (A) Has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Georgia public school; provided,
13 however, that this requirement shall not apply if:

14 (i) The the student's parent is an active duty military service member stationed in
15 Georgia within the previous year; or

16 (ii) The student previously qualified for a scholarship pursuant to this article; and

17 (B) Has an Individualized Education Program written in accordance with federal and
18 state laws and regulations; provided, however, that the State Board of Education shall
19 be authorized to require a local board of education to expedite the development of an
20 Individualized Education Program and to waive the prior school year requirement
21 contained in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, in its sole discretion, on a case-by-case
22 basis for specific medical needs of the student upon the request of a parent or guardian
23 in accordance with state board procedures. If an expedited Individualized Education
24 Program is required by the state board pursuant to this subparagraph, the state board
25 may additionally require such expedited process to be completed prior to the beginning
26 of the school year. The State Board of Education shall provide an annual report by
27 December 31 of each year through December 31, 2015, regarding the number of
28 waivers approved pursuant to this paragraph to the General Assembly;"